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Newly submitted claims 21-37 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: Independent claims 21 and 27 are drawn to methods of producing isolated conductive structures on a substrate, wherein the methods are considered to significantly differ from the methods of originally presented independent claims 1, 9, and 20 in terms of the layers, the relationship of the layers, and the steps for the patterning of the layers.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, the invention of claims 1, 9, and 20 has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 21-37 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) 821.03.


Therefore, the amendment filed on July 2, 2001 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03).

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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